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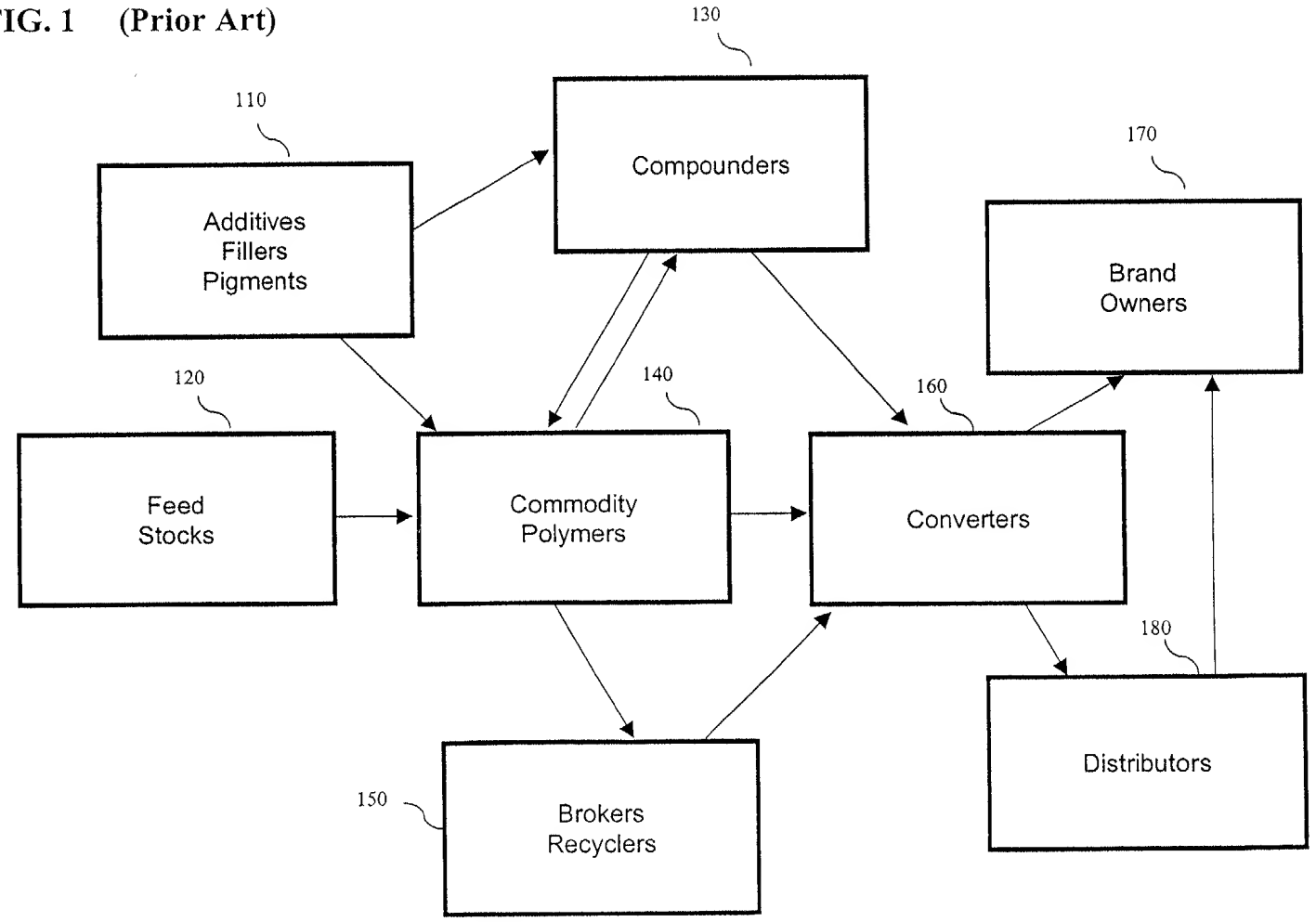

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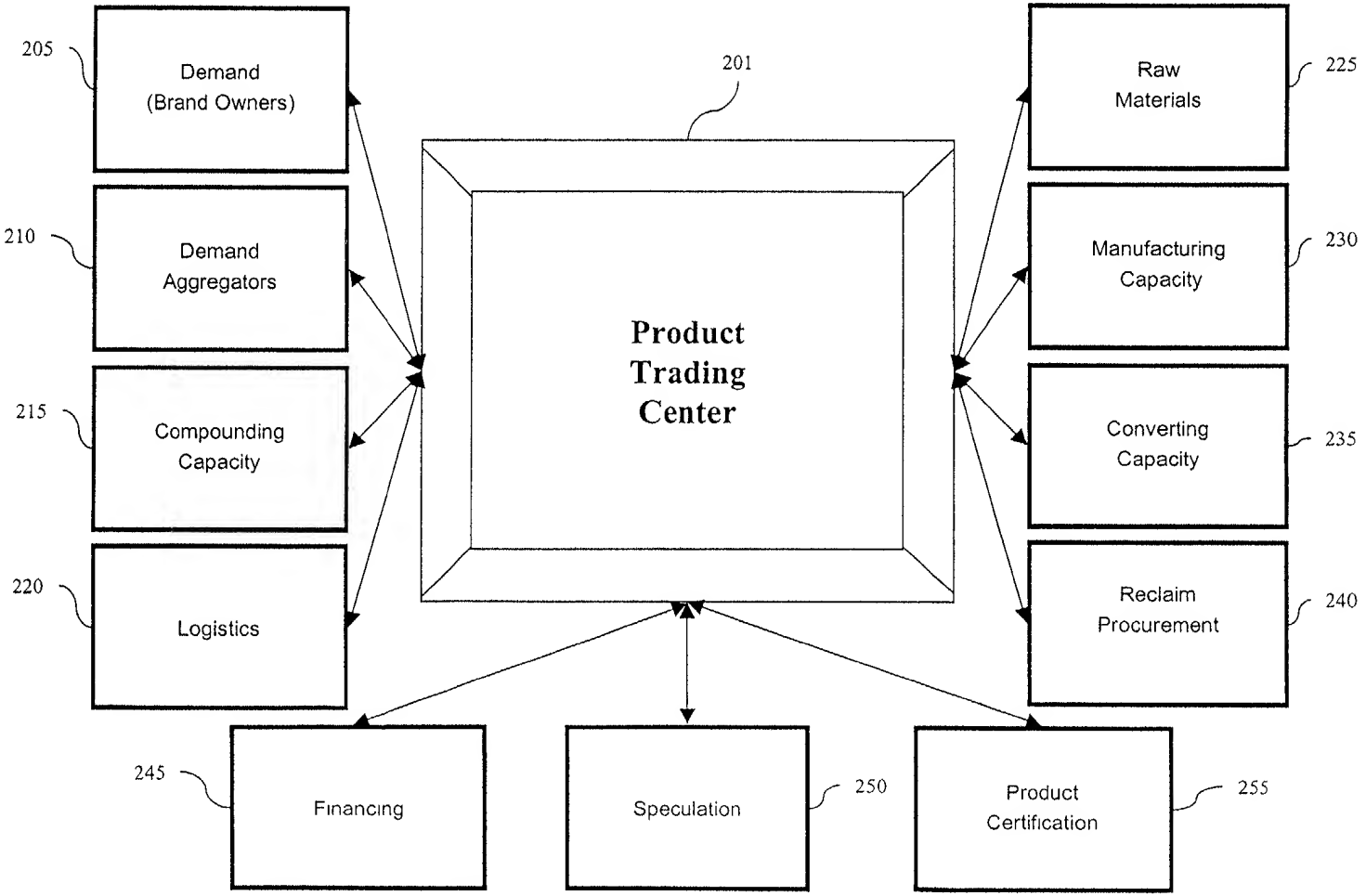
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Demand
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Compounding
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Product
Trading
Center
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Raw
Materials
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Manufacturing
Capacity
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Converting
Capacity
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Reclaim
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Financing
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Speculation
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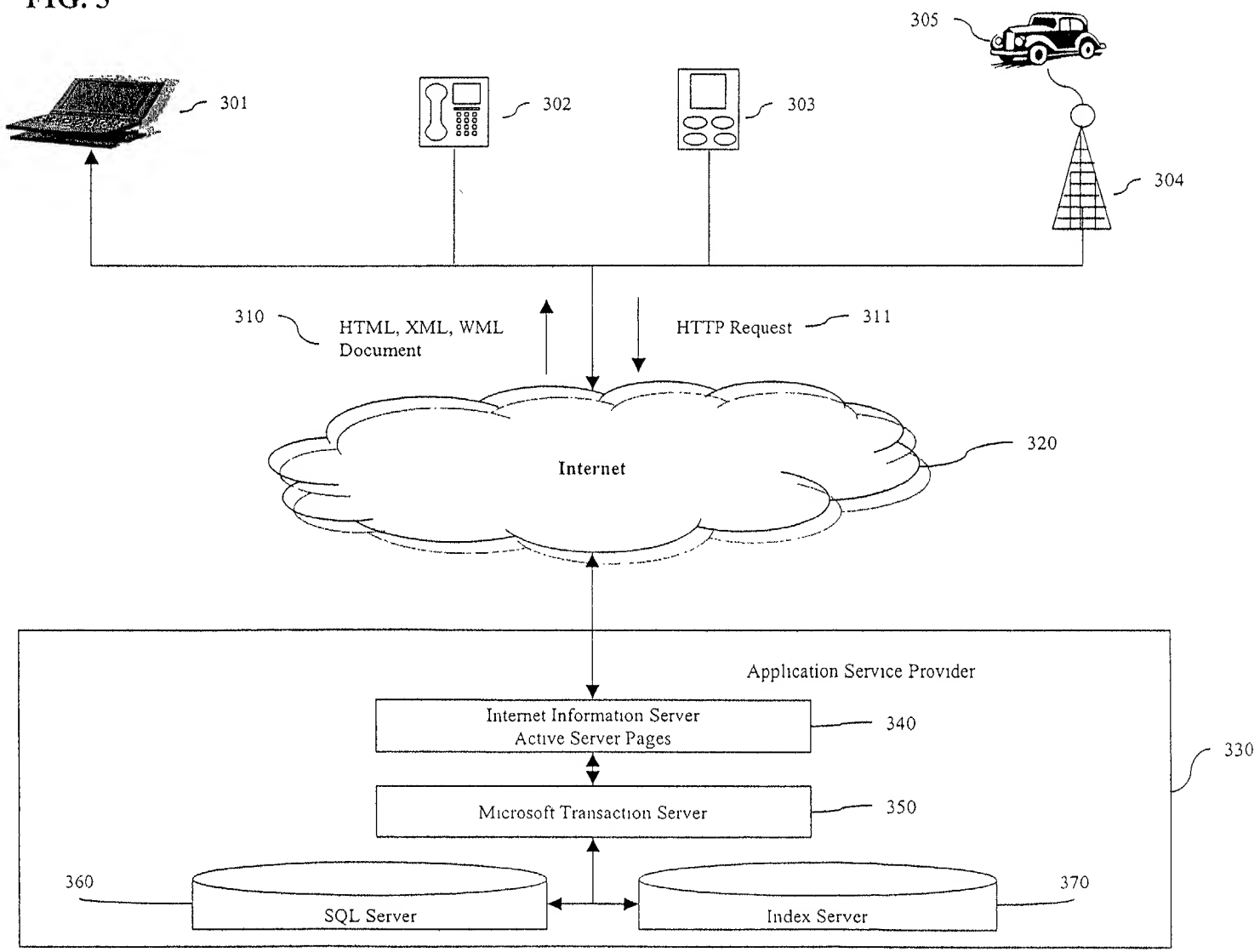
Product
Certification

FIG. 3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HTML, XML, WML
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HTTP Request
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Application Service Provider
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Microsoft Transaction Server
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SQL Server
Index Server
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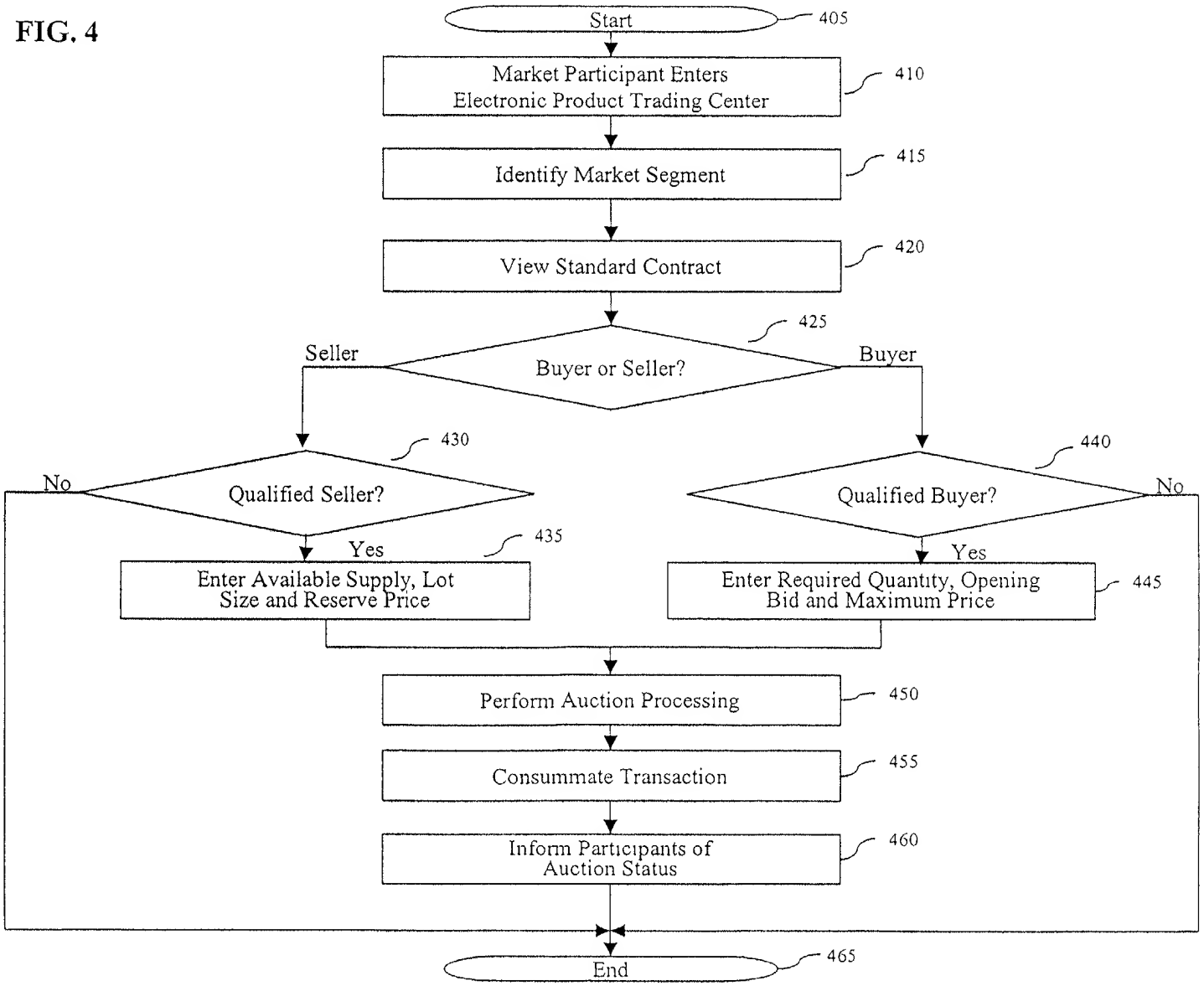
FIG. 4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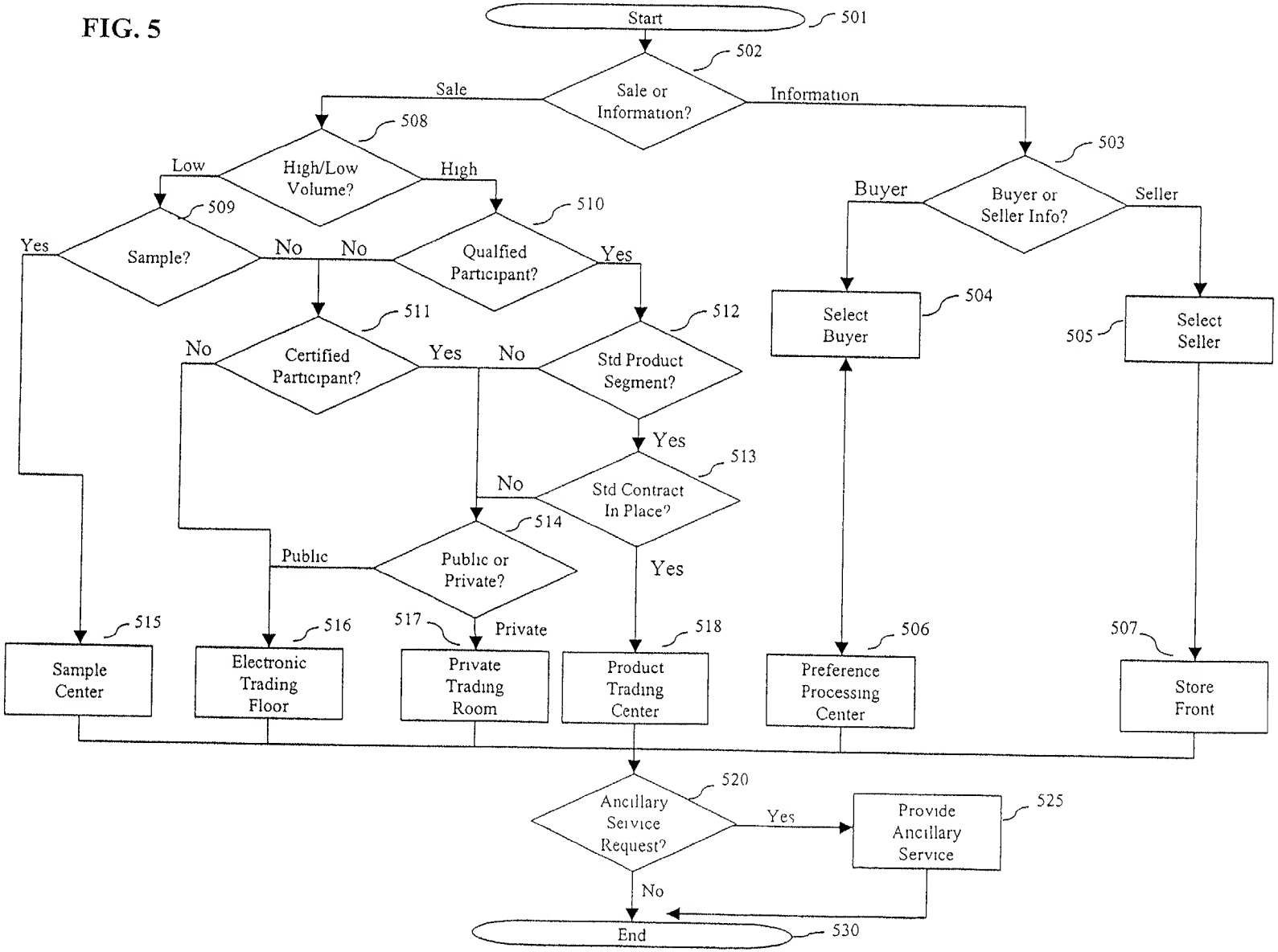
Market Participant Enters Electronic Product Trading Center
410
Identify Market Segment
415
View Standard Contract
420
425
Seller
Buyer or Seller?
Buyer
430
Qualified Seller?
No
Yes
435
Enter Available Supply, Lot Size and Reserve Price
440
Qualified Buyer?
No
Yes
Enter Required Quantity, Opening Bid and Maximum Price
445
Perform Auction Processing
450
Consummate Transaction
455
Inform Participants of Auction Status
460
End
465

FIG. 5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Sale
Information
High/Low Volume?
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Low
High
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Buyer
Seller
Sample?
509
Yes
No
No
Qualfied Participant?
510
Yes
Select Buyer
504
Select Seller
505
Certified Participant?
511
No
Yes
No
Std Product Segment?
512
Yes
Std Contract In Place?
513
No
Yes
Public or Private?
514
Public
Private
Sample Center
515
Electronic Trading Floor
516
Private Trading Room
517
Product Trading Center
518
Preference Processing Center
506
Store Front
507
Ancillary Service Request?
520
Yes
Provide Ancillary Service
525
No
End
530